

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2021
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH February, 2021**

PRESCRIPTION OF AYUSH MEDICINES

2021. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that AYUSH Centers, yoga, medicinal herbs and indigenous traditional practices are part of the Government's prescription for severe acute malnourished children;
- (b) whether the Siddha system of medicines is also included in the said prescription;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government has asked the State Governments to conduct a drive to identify such children and to be referred to hospitals and AYUSH centers for treatment if necessary; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) & (b): Under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) AYUSH Centres provide treatment to CGHS beneficiaries as per the approved formularies in Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy, Siddha and Yoga exercises.

Ayurveda approach of management is effective in management of mild to moderate degree of malnutrition in children. Ministry of AYUSH is providing the services for child ailments through hospitals attached to All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Delhi and National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur.

Ministry of AYUSH through National Institute of Siddha, Chennai and units/institutes of Central Council for Research in Siddha, Chennai have been actively engaged in creating awareness and promotion of child health care through Siddha system of medicine.. Lehiyum (confections), manapagu (Syrup), mathirai (tablets), Chooranam (powder), nei preparation (medicated ghee preparations), etc., in Siddha System of medicines are prescribed for severe acute malnourished children depending upon their health conditions.

(c) & (d): The Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition or POSHAN Abhiyaan or National Nutrition Mission, is Government of India's flagship Programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. The Programme has special focus on reducing the level of stunting, under-nutrition and low birth weight in children, and anaemia in adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers as well as children by convergence among various Ministries. Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Women & Child Development have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 20.09.20.

Government is celebrating Poshan Pakhwada and Poshan Abhiyaan Maah by requesting all the stakeholders including the State Government to conduct a drive to identify malnourished children and referring them to the hospitals or AYUSH centres depending upon their need.